

## Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 25, 27-28, 30-34, 36, 41, 43-44 and 46 have been amended. Claim 1-24 and 38-40 have been cancelled. Claims 47-51 have been added. Therefore, claims 25-37 and 41-51 are present for examination.

## Claim Objections

Claims 25, 31 and 41 are objected to. Claims 25, 31 and 41 have been amended, thus placing the claims in proper condition for allowance.

## 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

### *Halavais in view of Sankaranarayan*

The Examiner has rejected claims 25-46 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Halavais et al., WO 00/65506 (“Halavais”) in view of Sankaranarayan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,799,208 (“Sankaranarayan”).

Claim 25, as amended, recites that “if each tentative hold request is granted for the two resource items, sending a reservation for the two resource items to the user.” Applicant respectfully submits that this feature is not disclosed in either Halavais or Sankaranarayan.

In contrast, Halavais at figure 1, steps 8 and 11 discloses presenting a prospective customer with available seating for an *individual selected event*, and *upon payment verification* removing the selected seats from the available list. However, Halavais fails to disclose the condition of “if each tentative hold request is granted for the two resource

items” as recited in claim 1. Instead, Halavais discloses that upon receipt of payment verification the transaction is complete. Accordingly, claim 25 is believed to be allowable over the cited references.

Claims 41 and 44 contain one or more of the limitations discussed above, among others, and are therefore believed to be allowable. The remaining claims are dependent upon one of the above claims and are believed to be allowable therefore as well as for the express limitations set forth in each claim, respectively.

### **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

### **Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

### **Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.


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Respectfully submitted,

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